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Hon. Clifford W. Taylor Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court P.O. Box 30052 Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Proposed Amendment of MCR 3.932

Dear Chief Justice Taylor:

On October 17, 2006 the Michigan Judges Association convened for their monthly meeting. Pursuant to a motion by the Family Law Committee, the Executive Board voted to decline support of the proposed amendment to MCR 3.932.

It appears that the intent of the amendment is to require all matters in the juvenile court that deal with violations of the motor vehicle code be abstracted to the Secretary of State.

Although the Michigan Judges Association has no objection to abstracting convictions under the motor vehicle code, we see no reason to abstract or otherwise inform the Secretary of State of matters that do not ultimately generate a conviction. This mandatory notification is not required for adults and, therefore, should not be mandatory for juveniles.

In the event the attorney for the minor and the prosecuting attorney agree on a disposition that ultimately dismisses the vehicle code violation, this agreement should be honored by the court and not be supervised by another branch of government.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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